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EYES ONLY MCGEORGE BUNDY [redacted]

1. HEREWITH FORMAL RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT'S SEVEN POINT POSITION AS GIVEN TO ME IN MY FAREWELL INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT 19 APRIL. AS YOU CAN SEE HE WEASELS HERE AND THERE BUT IT IS BASICALLY AGREEMENT TO POSTPONE ABOUT SIX MONTHS AND INTENSIVELY STUDY MAINLAND SITUATION AND GRC MILITARY PLANNING TO MEET VARIOUS CONTINGENCIES. SEE NO NEED OF WASHINGTON REPLY.

2. AN INFORMAL OFF-THE-RECORD "SECRET STUDIES GROUP" HELD PRELIMINARY MEETING THIS MORNING 20 APRIL TO BEGIN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON FEASIBILITY OF CLANDESTINE AND MILITARY OPERATIONS THAT MIGHT BE MOUNTED. THIS GROUP WILL BE OUR DEVICE FOR FINDING OUT WHAT GRC IS PLANNING AND FOR UNOFFICIALLY EXERCISING REALISTIC INFLUENCE ON GRC.

GIMO'S POINTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE GRC IS DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY FOR HIS SYMPATHY WITH AND UNDERSTANDING OF ITS DETERMINATION TO RECOVER THE CHINESE MAINLAND AND TO SAVE THE ENSLAVED PEOPLE THERE.

B. THE GRC FULLY AGREES WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY THAT THE TWO SIDES, CHINESE AND AMERICAN, SHOULD STEP UP THEIR COOPERATION [redacted]

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C. THE GRC IS GRATIFIED OVER PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ACCEPTANCE OF ITS PROPOSAL FOR INCREASING ITS AIR-DROPPING CAPABILITY AND EQUIPMENT.

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D. WITH REGARD TO THE PLANES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL MISSIONS, IT IS HOPED THAT THE INSTALLATION OF SPECIAL APPARATUS AND THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL COULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE SEPTEMBER AND THE PLANES IN QUESTION COULD REACH TAIPEI AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER.

E. IN VIEW OF THE CONSTANTLY CHANGING SITUATION ON THE CHINESE MAINLAND, IF WE SHOULD REMAIN IN A PASSIVE POSITION AND WAIT FOR ANOTHER HALF A YEAR, THIS WOULD BE TO OUR GREAT DISADVANTAGE, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THE THREE FOLLOWING FACTORS WHICH ARE OBVIOUS:

1. SIX MONTHS FROM APRIL WILL BE OCTOBER. BY THAT TIME, THE AUTUMN HARVEST ON THE MAINLAND WILL HAVE ALREADY BEEN IN AND IF THERE SHOULD BE AN INCREASE IN FOOD PRODUCTION TO EASE SOMEWHAT THE PRESENT SERIOUS SHORTAGE, IT MIGHT SLOW DOWN THE PEOPLE'S ANTI-TYRANNY MOVEMENT.

2. BEGINNING OCTOBER THE NORTHEASTERLY WINDS WILL BEGIN TO BLOW IN THE TAIWAN STRAIGHTS AND THE SEA WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY STORMY. BY THEN THE WEATHER WILL NO LONGER BE SUITABLE FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

3. AS OUR ARMED FORCES HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED ALL PREPARATIONS FOR MOBILIZATION, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN THEIR MORALE AT THE PRESENT HIGH LEVEL IF THEY SHOULD BE ASKED TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS WITHOUT ANY ACTION. HOW TO MAINTAIN MORALE DURING THIS PERIOD IS A PROBLEM WHICH WILL REQUIRE FURTHER SERIOUS STUDY TO SOLVE.

③ F. AT PRESENT WE MAY TEMPORARILY SET THE BEGINN""G OF OCTOBER AS OUR TARGET DATE FOR ACTION, BUT IN CASE OF A SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE ANTI-TYRANNY SITUATION OR IN CASE OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE ANTI-COMMUNIST REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT ON THE MAINLAND BEFORE THEN, WHICH MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE OF ITS BOUNDEN DUTY, TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO HELP THE PEOPLE THERE, IT IS HOPED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT ONLY UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION BUT ALSO SUPPORT US.

G. IN SHORT, AS WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE SERIOUS IMPORT OF OUR CONNTER-ATTACK AGAINST THE MAINLAND, WE SHALL NATURALLY EXERCISE THE GREATEST CAUTION AND CERTAPGN WILL NOT ACT LIGHTLY.

H. IN TAKING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS, THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS LAUNCHING A PUNITIVE EXPEDITION AGAINST REBELS AND TRAITORS AT HOME. IT IS RIGHTEOUS CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE FREEDOM TO THE ENSLAVED PEOPLE ON THE MAINLAND. IT IS AN OPEN AND UPRIGHT ACTION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. WE DEFINITELY SHALL NOT NEED ANY AMERICAN TROOPS TO FIGHT ON OUR SIDE. FURTHERMORE, WE DO NOT WANT THE UNITED STATES TO BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY. WHAT WE HOPE TO RECEIVE FROM THE UNITED STATES IS MORAL AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT, PLUS POSITIVE AID IN FINANCIAL AND LOGISTIC MATTERS MADE AVAILABLE IN AN UNOFFICIAL MANNER.

I. CHINESE PEOPLE, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN, AND BOTH AT HOME AND OVERSEAS, URGENTLY DEMAND ACTION SO MUCH SO THAT THEY CANNOT WAIT INDEFINITELY. FURLZUR DELAY WOULD CAUSE THEM TO

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SUSPECT THE POLICY AND SINCERITY OF THE UNITED STATES. THEY MIGHT THINK HOWEVER WRONGLY, THAT THE UNITED STATES IS RESTRAINING US, AND MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO ALAUNCH THE COUNTERATTACK. THIS WOULD CREATE A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM. IN ORDER TO ENABLE OUR ARMED FORCES AND CIVILIAN POPULATION TO UNDERSTAND THE SINCERITY OF THE UNITED STATES SYMPATHY AND TO REMOVE ANY SUSPICIONS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR OUR TWO SIDES TO AGREE ON OCTOBER 1 AS THE COMMENCING DATE FOR LARGE-SCALE AIR-DROPPINGS INTO THE MAINLAND.

J. RIGHT AWAY, THE USG AND THE GRC SHOULD JOINTLY AND THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL CHANNELS STUDY ALL PLANS FOR MILITARY ACTIONS, CLANDESTINE AND OPEN, TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS IN AIR-DROPPING LARGE NUMBERS OF TROOPS ONTO THE MAINLAND. MEANWHILE THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ALSO JOINTLY DEVISE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO MAINTAIN THE MORALE OF THE CHINESE ARMED FORCES AND FURTHER TO AUGMENT THEIR COMBAT PREPARATIONS DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. AS TO THE AIR-DROPPING OF LARGE NUMBERS OF TROOPS ONTO THE MAINLAND AND THE TAKING OF ACTIONS, EITHER CLANDESTINE OR OPEN, AND THEIR TIMING, THE TWO SIDES, CHINESE AND AMERICAN, SHOULD SEEK AN AGREEMENT THROUGH CONSULTATIONS ON THE BASIS OF ACTUAL CONDITIONS THEN EXISTING.

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